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Earth Capital receives top scores in PRI 2020 assessment and joins the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now

Earth Capital (“EC”), the global investment group focused on sustainable investing, has received A+ ratings across the board from the Principles for Responsible Investment (“PRI”), the world’s leading proponent of responsible investment, in its 2020 independent PRI Assessment Report.



EC was awarded A+ for its overall approach to responsible investment (Strategy and Governance). In addition, EC was awarded A+ for both its selection, appointment and monitoring of Fund Managers as well as its own direct management and ownership approach to private equity. As a signatory, EC is required to report on responsible investment activities annually and the resulting PRI Assessment report aims to provide feedback to its signatories and support ongoing learning and development.

The assessment scores are based on how a signatory has progressed year-on-year and relative to their peers. The investment categories are evaluated using 6 performance categories, with A+ distinguishing the top scoring signatories who have achieved a score of 95% or above.

Summary Scorecard 2020

AUM	Module Name	EC Score 2020	EC Score 2018/9	Median Score
	Strategy & Governance	A+	A+	A
Indirect - Manager Sel., App. & Mon				
10-50%	Private Equity	A+	A+	A
Direct & Active Ownership Modules				
>50%	Private Equity	A+	A	A



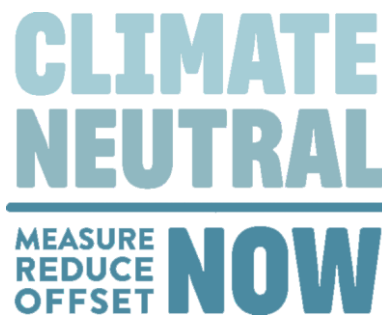
Earth Capital has also joined the UN's Climate Neutral Now campaign affirming their commitment to zero-carbon operations. The company's in-house Sustainability team has worked closely with the leading industry experts in their Sustainability Council and the One Carbon World organisation to deliver a multi-faceted programme focused on measuring and reducing GHG emissions which is designed to deliver outcomes beyond carbon-offsetting and places Earth Capital as a carbon neutral organisation. The reporting was carried out in line with the requirements of the Green House Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Standard and is compatible with international standards ISO 14064 and PAS 2060.



Richard Burrett, Chief Sustainability Officer of EC said: *“The PRI Assessment Report is universally acknowledged as the benchmark for the sustainable investment sector and, as a result, I am delighted that for three year’s running, our approach has been recognised with such excellent scores.*

“Sustainability is at the very heart of what we do and is one of the fastest-growing segments of the asset management industry. Given the climate emergency and the clear need for a green recovery from the Covid-19 impact, there has never been a more pressing time in which to invest in this sector. There is a real need to ensure that the decisions we make today have a positive rather negative impact on future generations, and these scores emphasise that our investment model is stepping up to meet this challenge.

“Secondly our work around our operational carbon footprint is consistent with the need for all businesses to transition to a net zero climate impact. We have worked with One Carbon World to measure our carbon footprint, having already adopted a sustainable procurement approach in areas such as green energy and other office products and services, to attain UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now status. The work to reduce our footprint further will continue.”



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About Earth Capital

Earth Capital is the global investment group founded by Gordon Power and Stephen Lansdown, co-founder of Hargreaves Lansdown. The managers in its group manage over \$1.6bn in sustainable and impact private markets investments. Earth Capital invests globally in companies and infrastructure which address the challenges of Sustainable Development such as climate change, energy, food, and water security. Investment sectors include energy efficiency, energy generation, clean industry, agriculture, waste, and water.

EC incorporates environmental, social and governance impacts into all investment evaluation, portfolio management and reporting processes. They measure Sustainable Impact through their proprietary Earth Dividend™ tool which provides an annual measure of an investee company contribution to Sustainable Development. The Earth Dividend™ has been developed by Earth Capital's in-house Sustainability specialists following a detailed benchmark of international best practice approaches to the assessment, reporting and assurance of impact and ESG issues. In recognition of their pioneering approach, EC were named **“Winner of Most Innovative ESG Product” at the ESG Investing Awards 2020.**

Finalists of ESG Investor of the Year – Business Green Awards 2020 (To be announced in October)
Finalists of Outstanding Contribution to Wealth Management Thought Leadership
- WealthBriefing European Awards 2020 (To be announced in October)